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## BRITISH ONSLAUGHT REACHES THIRD LINE OF TEUTON DEFENSE

Offensive Along Somme River is Resumed With Great Intensity and 2,000 Prisoners Are Taken.

Number of Captives Now Exceeds 10,000—Berlin Admits Loss of Territory in Battles in France.

London, July 15—The British offensive was resumed today. The war office announced that at one point the Germans were forced back to the third line positions. More than 2,000 prisoners were taken.

The statement from the front, time 11:50, follows:

"Fighting continues on the British front and at one point we forced the enemy back to his third system of defense, more than four miles to the rear of his original front trenches at Fricourt and Mametz."

"In the past 24 hours we have captured over 2,000 prisoners, including a regimental commander of the third guard division and the total number of prisoners taken by the British since the British battle began now exceeds 10,000. Large quantities of war material also have fallen into our hands."

### GERMANS ADMIT LOSS.

Berlin, July 15—The continuation of the British attack on the German lines between Pozieres and Longueval resulted in their penetrating the German lines and effecting a gain of territory, the war office announced today. The British also have occupied Trones Woods. The fighting is continuing, although the attack has been stemmed, adds the statement.

Parts of positions in the Ekrobova region, north of the Volhynian sector, which were taken from the Germans by the Russians on July 3, have been recaptured by the German troops under Prince Leopold, the war office announced today. More than 1,500 prisoners were taken.

### Italian Destroyer Sunk By Submarine

Berlin, July 15—The sinking of an Italian destroyer by an Austro-Hungarian submarine was announced in an official statement received here today from Vienna. The announcement follows: "An Austro-Hungarian submarine, on the afternoon of July 10 sank an Italian destroyer of the Indomito type. One of our naval air squadrons bombarded effectively military establishments and the railroad stations at Padua. The aeroplane returned unharmed although they were shelled heavily by anti-aircraft guns."

The Indomito, laid down in 1912, was 259 feet long, displaced 550 tons and was armed with one 4.7 inch gun, four 12 pounders and two torpedo tubes.

### VIOLENT ARTILLERY BATTLE.

Paris, July 15—A violent artillery duel continued in the Fleury sector, the war office announced today. A German attack on a trench northeast of the Avescoux road was repulsed, the official statement asserted, and German attempts to undertake attacks in the Apremont forest were checked by a curtain of fire.

## COMMISSION TO SETTLE MEXICO TROUBLE LIKELY

Washington, July 15—The differences between the United States and Mexico appeared today to trend more and more towards settlement through an international joint commission. General Carranza is said to approve the commission plan of settling differences as provided in the treaty of 1913 and state department officials are believed to be willing to let negotiations take this course though preferring that adjustment be made through the present conference.

### W. C. Hagan Wins "Met" Championship

Garden City, N. Y., July 15—Walter C. Hagan, of Rochester, won the Metropolitan open golf championship on the links of the Garden City Golf club here today.

### BIND OVEN STEELE WOMAN

Harriet Steele, the colored maid in the home of A. L. Smith at 392 Golden Hill street, who confessed to the theft of jewelry worth about \$100, was bound over to the September term of the superior court under bonds of \$500 in the city court today. She hid the jewelry and then told the police that she had been bound and gagged while the house was ransacked. The jewelry was recovered in the cellar of the house.

## ISOLATE THREE PLAGUE VICTIMS AT ALMSHOUSE

Health Officials Remove Patients From Cots in Bridgeport Hospital.

### DEPARTMENT STORE PROTESTS RULING

Claim Health Official Discriminate Unfairly—Italian Fete Suspended.

Seven cases of known or suspected infantile paralysis and one case of meningitis in the city of Bridgeport are under quarantine today in Hillside home, by order of Dr. Abraham Sophian.

Three suspected cases have been taken from Bridgeport hospital, where it is thought they were placed by physicians unfamiliar with the symptoms of infantile paralysis. Though they were ordered from the institution by the board of health and transferred to Hillside home, at the hospital today all knowledge of the affair was denied.

Orders were issued this morning which positively prevent the Italian celebration held annually in this city in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. This is one of the largest feasts observed by the Italian people.

All children will be barred at once from attending all sales at local department stores. The first step was taken today when the Howland Dry Goods Co. was notified that during the sale now in progress no children under the age of 15 are to be admitted. Steps have been taken to place policemen at the doorways to enforce the regulation. Protest has been made with the company.

Dr. Sophian is absent from his office much of the time today, having been called to various addresses in the city to pass judgment on suspected cases. Little definite information reached department headquarters as to the names and conditions of the various patients.

At noon today it was announced that two cases had been brought from Stepien, one, that of the Fairchild boy already having been announced. The other had been taken to Bridgeport hospital and is merely suspected at this time.

One case, an infant boy, located in a tenement at 71 Railroad court, inhabited by foreigners, was examined by Dr. B. L. Smykowski, family physician, and Dr. John C. Lynch of the diagnostic board of the Bridgeport Medical society. It was declared suffering probably from paralysis and conveyed to Hillside home. The name was refused, as was those of the three suspected cases taken from Bridgeport hospital. The Fairchild boy (from Stepien) was removed to Hillside home today. Edith Fuller of 196 Union avenue, and David William Ryne were removed to Hillside home, where they will be under the supervision of nurses brought from New York city, to be in charge of Miss Loretta Winfield, a specialist in infantile paralysis, brought from New York today.

Dr. Charles Baldwin, assistant to Dr. Emerson of the New York Health board, today offered his services without charge to Bridgeport during the week end. Dr. Baldwin spends the summers at Laurel Beach. His offer may later be accepted.

Physicians are investigating several other reports of highly suspicious cases, one of which is known to have been reported by Mrs. Mabel Goodman, investigator of the department of charities.

A conference was held in the mayor's office this morning between Dr. Sophian, Director of Public Works J. A. Courtade and President John A. Stanley, of the police board. It is (Continued on Page 2.)

## HAY IS NAMED FOR PLACE IN CLAIMS COURT

Washington, July 15—President Wilson today nominated Representative James Hay, of Madison, Va., chairman of the House military affairs committee, for judge of the United States court of claims to succeed Judge George W. Atkinson who retired for age.

### Manufacturer Must Pay Jordan Lambert For Loans on Notes

President Arthur L. Ruland of the R. P. K. Pressed Metal Co. must pay Jordan W. Lambert of St. Louis \$14.52 according to a decision handed down today by Judge Scott of the common pleas court. Lambert said he loaned Ruland \$154 on a note in 1915 and \$450 in 1907. He said only \$50 had been paid on account and asked for \$700 damages. The court ordered Ruland to pay \$27.53 costs.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast: Fair tonight, Sunday probably fair.

## NAVY COLLIER, AGROUND IN STORM, IS WRECKED; CREW IS THOUGHT SAFE

## UNDERSEA LINER MERCHANT SHIP, IS U. S. RULING

Washington, July 15—The state department formally ruled today that the German submarine Deutschland is a merchant vessel and entitled to treatment as such.

In announcing the ruling, Acting Secretary Polk said it was not to be taken as a precedent and that any similar cases arising in the future would be dealt with on their own merit.

## VICTIM OF POISON PEN, WIFE SWALLOWS TWO BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY TABLETS TO END LIFE

Reconciliation with her husband being effected by the pleas of friends and the advice of physicians, Mrs. Charles Oswald, 18 years old, who is at the Bridgeport hospital suffering with bichloride of mercury poisoning which she took with suicidal intent on July 3 at her home, 65 Asylum street, has taken a turn for the better and surgeons in attendance now say that she has an excellent chance to recover.

It was feared that she would succumb because of grief over her husband's apparent inattention, but now that a reconciliation has been effected her spirits have changed, and she is now cheerful and happy.

The Oswalds' home is in Vermont and when the husband came to this city to work as a guard at the plant of the Remington Arms Co., U. S. C. Co., Mrs. Oswald remained in her home. Then her husband had her come to this city and they went to live at the Asylum street address. On July 3, the husband received a letter from an acquaintance in the Vermont town stating that the young wife had been often in the company of another man while the husband was in this city.

When the husband returned to the house on the afternoon of July 3, he told Mrs. Oswald of the nature of the letter and a quarrel resulted. The wife brooded over the accusation and going to her room, took two seven and a half grain bichloride of mercury tablets. Her act was discovered and when the emergency corps was summoned, Dr. John F. Cavanaugh gave immediate treatment and removed the young wife to the Bridgeport hospital. Before allowing the surgeon to place her in the ambulance, she insisted that the husband forgive her and apparently they were reconciled as they embraced each other.

Oswald is said to have refused to become reconciled and only went through the formality of being embraced by his wife so that she would consent to go to the hospital for treatment. He would not visit her at the hospital, it is alleged.

On her cot in the hospital, Mrs. Oswald constantly brooded over the husband's inattention and instead of recovering, was apparently getting worse. She was at a loss to understand his action, as she thought he had forgiven her before she was removed in the ambulance.

Friends set to work to bring together the husband and wife, but at first Oswald was obdurate. Finally, however, he visited Mrs. Oswald at the hospital and the surgeons state that since then, her condition has been changed.

At the hospital it was said today that the husband has been visiting the wife regularly of late and that the reconciliation has worked wonders whereas medical treatment alone might fail and Mrs. Oswald may soon be discharged from the institution.

## NAVAL MILITIA OFF TODAY ON ANNUAL CRUISE

Part of the Local Contingent Go to Boston, Others to New Haven, to Embark

Sixty-eight members of the Third division, Naval Militia, left Bridgeport early today for the annual cruise, which by official schedule will last until Saturday, July 29th, but which may take them much longer and also into service in Mexican waters before the summer ends.

The cruise this year are under sealed orders and as told yesterday in The Farmer there is a belief among naval militia officers that they will go to the Mexican gulf coast to make a demonstration there in conjunction with the demonstration along the border made by the land forces.

The Bridgeport men left in two divisions, Lieut. Albert J. Merritt and Lieut. Alfred C. Chippendale with 20 members of the local division, mostly warrant officers, left on a special train at 6:15 going to Hartford by way of Waterbury. They were joined by the Hartford division and they went through to Boston by way of Springfield arriving at the South Station. From there they marched to the Charleston navy yard and will embark from there on the dreadnaught Virginia tonight. Their destination has not yet been made known.

The other members of the third division under command of Ensign William A. Anderson, left Bridgeport on a special train at 6:40 this morning and embarked from New Haven with the Marine band and New Haven division on the double turreted monitor, Amphitrite. Their destination is also unknown.

Orders extending the cruise of the Naval Militia from July 24 to July 29 were received here on Thursday. Officers and members of the cruise were enthusiastic today over the prospect of a long term in active service.

Motorcycle policemen received orders today from Sup. J. H. Redgate to wear the regulation gray blouses for the summer.

## SUICIDE, FINDING OF CORONER ON THOMPSON CASE

Murder Theory of Stratford Youth's Father Not Founded in Fact.

The theory that 19-year-old Charles E. Thompson of Stratford was murdered was shattered today when Coroner John J. Phelan made a finding in which he declared the young man had come to his death by suicide. This supports the report of Medical Examiner Cogswell of Stratford.

E. C. Thompson, father of the boy, maintained from the first that his son had been murdered and he scorned the suicide idea. It was the elder Thompson who said there were spots of blood on the side of the house where the body was found. At the request of the father the coroner started an investigation, which was finished today.

In spite of the fact that witnesses yesterday declared the blood on the house came from a chicken killed for Sunday dinner, Thompson insisted two other witnesses had seen the blood. His son-in-law, Herbert Christensen, said he had visited the scene of the crime but denied seeing any blood. William Thompson, son of E. C. Thompson, declared he had seen blood. He admitted he hadn't said anything about this to Christensen although the latter was with him at the time.

Medical Examiner Cogswell said he didn't recall E. C. Thompson had told anything about seeing blood. It is generally believed that Thompson is unstrung because his brother, son and niece have died within a short time.

### FINDS RANKBOOK.

Report was made to the police this morning that a bank book lost on an East Main street car by Mrs. W. F. Trubert of 1480 East Main street had been found by Conductor No. 420 and was returned to Mrs. Trubert.

## Battered By Terrific Hurricane, Hector Runs on Shoals and Splits in Twain Shortly After Being Abandoned By Crew—Daring Rescues Made By Tug in Heavy Seas—Some of Crew Seriously Injured and Taken to Hospital in Charleston—Reports Conflict As to Fatalities, But Navy Department Reports All Rescued.

Charleston, S. C., July 15—Abandoned by her crew after running aground in a heavy sea while trying to reach this port, the United States naval collier Hector broke in two off Cape Romaine, 20 miles southeast of here, early today.

The collier is a total wreck, according to Captain Bryan, of the Charleston navy yard.

Early reports from the disaster were conflicting. Official announcements at the navy yard said that all on board were saved, though some were seriously injured.

Owners of the tug Vigilant, which went to the rescue of the collier in response to wireless calls, say their tug captain reported that one marine was drowned and that five or six others were missing.

### Two Tugs in Rescue Work

The tug Wellington, Philadelphia to Jacksonville, arrived here today with 102 of the Hector's men aboard. Another tug was sent to the wreck last night to take off the 15 men left aboard by the Wellington. It is possible that some of these men may have been lost.

Captain Newell was among the last to leave the collier. With fourteen of his men he stayed aboard until taken off by a tug shortly before the giant coiler split in two.

Of the men brought here, four marines were sent to a hospital. The chief engineer Edward A. Mercer, of Rockland, Mass., is reported to be suffering from a fractured skull. Among the other injured are Fireman McDermid, skull injured; Oiler Singleton, leg broken.

The Hector, commanded by Captain Joseph Newell, had sailed from Port Royal, S. C., naval training station, carrying 60 marines to Santo Domingo, when she was partially disabled in Friday's hurricane. She grounded while trying to make Charleston harbor conveyed by the steamer Alamo.

High seas had prevented the Alamo getting close enough to take off the men who took to their small boats. In addition to her commander and the marines, the Hector, which displaced 11,200 tons, carried 11 officers and a crew of 70 men.

Tales of the unsuccessful fight of the Hector against a gale which blew from 110 to 120 miles an hour, great seas, fires and disabled engines and the daring rescue of 102 men by the tug Wellington were brought here by the first survivors.

The crew of the Wellington, which, storm-battered, lost her two barges, worked for six hours taking off the crew and 60 marines which the Hector was transporting from Port Royal to Guantanamo.

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## NEW BLOOD FOR COMMITTEE OF G. O. P. MACHINE

Hazelton Chandler of Ninth District Said to Be Slated For Axe.

That there will be a grand shake up and an attempted infusion of new blood into the Republican town committee has been a rumor current among the district clubs for several days. It is stated for a certainty that Hazelton Chandler, member from the Ninth district, will be retired. It is reported that Mr. Chandler's retirement will not be voluntary but will be brought about by the powers in control of the Republican machine. Several other members of the town committee are reported to be slated for the "well known axe" on the well known neck, although City Clerk J. Alex H. Robinson, who is also town chairman, would not admit it today.

Mr. Robinson was named town chairman at the spring meeting of the Republicans and is starting his ninth campaign for the Republican party. When asked today regarding the contemplated changes Mr. Robinson said all the members of the Republican town committee would hold over and he knew of no changes to be made. Asked specifically regarding Mr. Chandler, he said:

"If Mr. Chandler is unable, because of private business, to discharge his duties as district chairman, of course we will have to get someone else, but at present I know of no reason for making changes in the personnel of the Republican town committee."

## Embezzlement Is Charge Against Ice Wagon Driver

Accused of embezzling a day's receipts from the Naugatuck Valley Ice Co., Albert Engelart, of 1633 Main street, a driver, was arrested today by Detectives Seery and Gerrity. He was arrested early when he did not turn in the receipts of the day before yesterday but promised to work and make good. When the police left he abandoned his wagon and was arrested again this afternoon.

Several passengers were slightly injured when the Wolverine crack west-bound train of the Michigan Central was derailed at Michigan City, Ind.

## DENY RECEIVER FOR FAIRFIELD UNDERWEAR CO.

Former Vice President Sartain Says Mismanagement Is Ruining Firm.

The petition of George E. Sartain of Norwalk that a receiver be appointed for the Fairfield Underwear Co. was denied this morning by Judge Webb of the superior court. Sartain, who owns 176 shares of stock having a par value of \$17,600, claimed the assets were in danger through mismanagement. In denying the petition Judge Webb said the court would not prevent Sartain from prosecuting his allegation that the company should be dissolved.

The company has a capitalization of \$100,000 of which \$30,000 has been paid in. All the ready cash was invested in machinery and raw material and the company has been unable because of lack of funds, to complete certain stock orders. Sartain is experienced in the business while the officers are not, he claims the directors dispensed with his services as vice president and general manager June 26 last. It was shortly after this action that he brought receivership proceedings.

## Wagon Passes Over Stomach of Child

Walking into the roadway between the horses attached to a two horse cart of Joseph F. Doherty & Bro. this afternoon, a three year old Amelia Villard of 133 Hallam street was struck by the hoof of one of the horses and knocked under the wagon, two of the wheels passing over the child's stomach. The ambulance corps was summoned but the parents would not let the doctor in charge treat the child. Lester Turner was driving the team.

### WIFE BEATERS JAILED

Two wife beaters were arraigned in the city court today and both were fined and sent to jail. Andrew Jensen of 61 Hallam street was fined \$1 and costs and sentenced to 60 days in jail while John Andruschalk of 801 Hallett street, was fined similarly but given a four months jail sentence. He has been arraigned on the same charge before.